

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF RHODE ISLAND,

IN FAVOR

Of Whitney's plan for a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific.

DECEMBER 9, 1847.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

In General Assembly—October Session, A. D. 1847.

Resolved, That a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific coast is highly desirable, and, if practicable, should be constructed. Such a work would open a vast unbroken wilderness for improvement and cultivation—would unite and bind together the people of the Atlantic and Pacific slopes, by connecting their interests and associations—would extend our commerce, advance the welfare of our manufactures, and elevate the condition of man.

Resolved, That, in our opinion, an expedient plan by which so stupendous a work can be accomplished, is, to appropriate and set apart the public lands along the line of the route, so that the sale and settlement thereof may be connecting with the construction of the work.

Resolved, That the plan of Asa Whitney, of New York, as explained to us by himself, appears to be feasible, meets our approval, and we concur in recommending it to the favorable consideration of Congress.

Resolved, That the Governor cause copies of these resolutions to be forwarded to the governors of each of the States, respectively; and also to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

True copy:

HENRY BOWEN, *Secretary*.

